

ST. AIDAN'S CHORUS

presents

**"The
Gondoliers"**

by

GILBERT and SULLIVAN

St. Aidan's Parish House

CHELTENHAM

Saturday Evenings

November 6th, 13th and 20th

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November 10th and 17th

At 8:15 P. M.

1948

CAST OF CHARACTERS

THE DUKE OF PLAZA-TORO (a Grandee of Spain)	William Lipp
LUIZ (his Attendant)	John Shannon
	Lester Tucker
DON ALHAMBRA DEL BOLERO (the Grand Inquisitor)	Samuel Tucker
	Arthur Wells
MARCO PALMIERI	William Craig
	Joseph Walker
GIUSEPPE PALMIERI	John MacMillan
	John Reckard
ANTONIO	Andrew Ferguson
	Edwin Kroeker
FRANCESCO	Charles Brown
	Clarence Hibbs, Jr.
GIORGIO	Howard Lewis
	Robert Shaw
ANNIBALE	Ian Somerville
(Venetian Gondoliers)	
THE DUCHESS OF PLAZA-TORO	Margaret Lipp
	Myrtle Suntken
CASILDA (her daughter)	Margaret Beavers
	Pat Fisler
GIANETTA	Rose Meiklejohn
	Dorothy Stevens
TESSA	Bunny Close
	Irma Lewis
FIAMETTA	Phyllis Soisson
	Marjorie Tucker
VITTORIA	Florence Dickens
	Trudi Ricciuti
GIULIA	Chardell Furey
	Betty Vogan
(Contadine)	
INEZ (the King's foster mother)	Ernestine Breyer
	Marian Howard

CHORUS OF GONDOLIERS, CONTADINE, COURTIERS, AND PAGES

Doris Baker	Mary Ann Fretz	Marguerite Moore	David Shearer
John Black	Doris Glavis	Ethel McAdams	Doris Somerville
Cathie Bronson	Harold Goodwin	Agnes Morrison	Dolores Sturgis
Walter Bronson	John Greenwood	Eileen Morrison	Norman Tempest
Agnes Calderwood	Marie Hansford	Dora Michael	Fred Toothill
Marie Drager	Bette Lewis	Dora Michael, Jr.	Barbara Volkert
Ernest Fortino	Ellen Moore	Pat McClurken	

(An interval of three months elapses between Acts I and II) Date 1750.

DIRECTED by Elsie Tucker

COSTUMES by members and friends of the chorus directed by
Imogene Tempest

HATS by Ida Haase

SCENERY by Bernard Hertsch and Walter Shorday

MAKE-UP by Florence Toothill

PROMPTER: Muriel Armstrong

ORCHESTRA

Frank P. Bye, Jr.	Harold F. Goodwin, Jr.	Eleanor Lounikow
Mark C. Cutler	Winifred Goodwin	Henry W. Seher
Robert Goldstein	S. Earl Hummel	Samuel L. Tucker, Jr.

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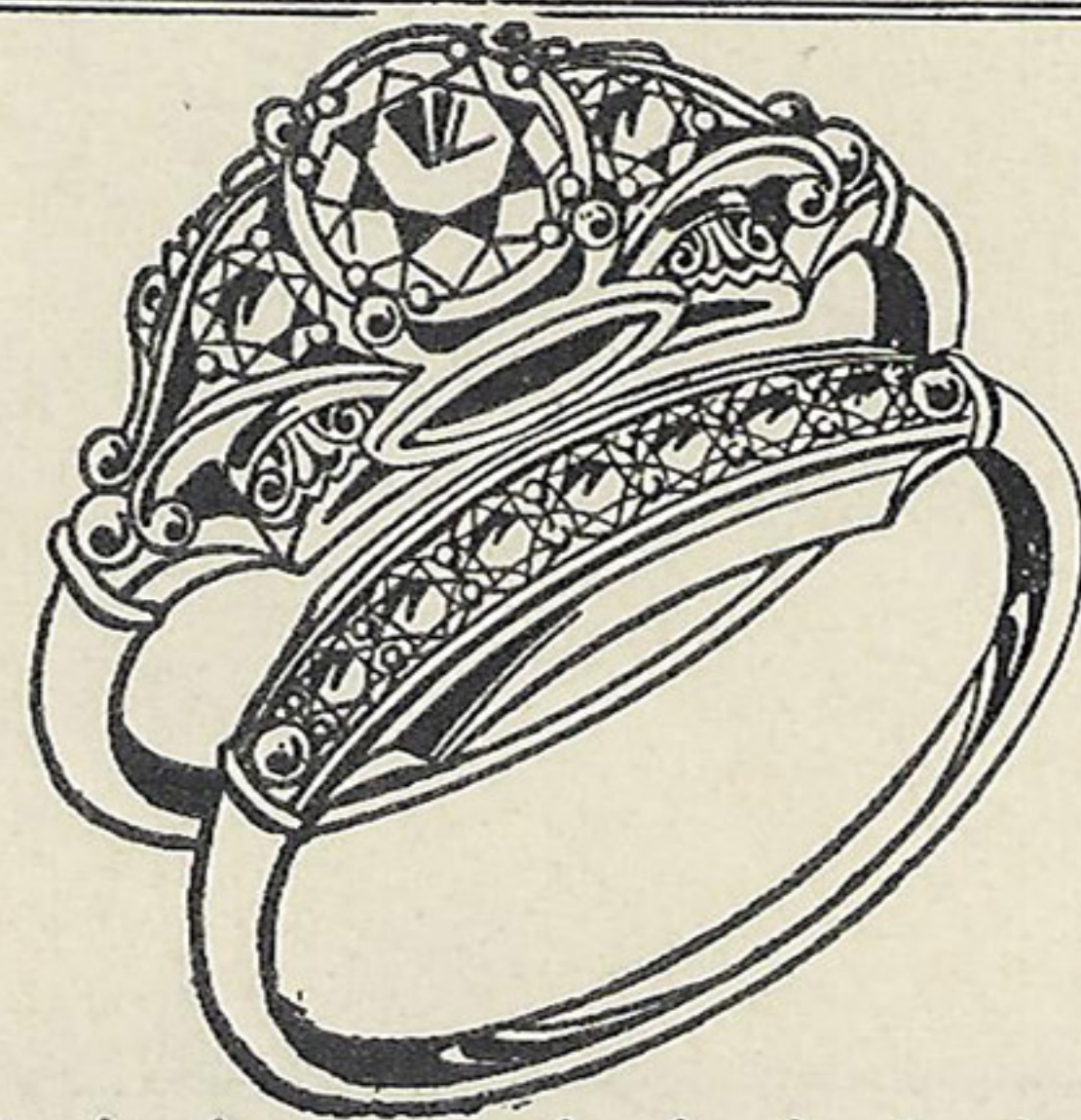
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THE GONDOLIERS

Act I A Square Near the Grand Canal — Venice

A group of Venetian maidens make merry while they await the arrival of the handsome and popular Gondoliers, Marco and Giuseppe Palmieri, who are about to select wives. The gondoliers arrive and not wanting to make a choice they elect to have themselves blindfolded and leave the choice to Fate. Through a bit of manipulation they manage to capture Gianetta and Tessa and seem entirely pleased with their prospective brides. All depart to prepare for the weddings and we see next the Duke of Plaza-Toro, the Duchess, their daughter, Casilda, and Luiz, the Duke's only retainer, who is in love with Casilda. Casilda has been married in infancy to the son and heir of the King of Barataria, but shortly after the ceremony, the Prince is stolen by emissaries of Don Alhambra Del Bolero and conveyed to Venice, there to be brought up by Baptisto Palmieri as a companion of his own son. Baptisto, a careless fellow, contrives to mix up the two lads and then dies, leaving no one who can definitely identify the Prince except Inez, his former nurse.

Meanwhile the King of Barataria dies and since none can tell whether Marco or Giuseppe is the rightful successor Don Alhambra decides that they shall go to Barataria and reign jointly until Inez can be fetched to say which of the two is the real King. The Don will not permit Tessa and Gianetta to accompany their husbands to Barataria, so they set off to begin reigning with only men for their companions, blissfully unaware of the fact that one of them was married in infancy.

Act II Barataria

The Court has been remodeled on Republican principles by the two Gondoliers and Cook, Groom, Duke, Bishop and King rank equally with each man at the head of his Department. The arrival of Tessa, Gianetta and the other girls makes everything perfect until Don Alhambra enters and informs the two Kings that one of them is already married to Casilda. The Duke and Duchess and Casilda now appear to claim the rightful King as Casilda's husband. Just as everything is reaching a high state of confusion, Inez arrives with the astonishing news that when both were babies she had substituted her own son Luiz for the Prince, hence the Duke's retainer is the rightful King. This bit of news smooths the paths of all the lovers, Casilda and Luiz are united, and the Gondoliers inspired by Gianetta and Tessa prepare joyfully to return to their old calling.

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